Today I was excited to meet our 2015 Prep parents and friends during the ‘Prep Information & Enrolment Day’. It is always exciting to watch the pre-preppies arrive for the first time as they start their formal educational journey. It was great to see so many new students coming to Woongoolba in 2015 and there are still vacancies if parents are yet to enrol!

One of the topics of my discussion this morning was about the important role parents have in early year’s education. Modern research shows how the brain develops significantly between the ages of 0 to 5 and therefore these are the years that are vital in terms of numeracy and literacy development as well as creativity, gross and fine motor skills and speech.

Parents can help this development through a range of simple strategies:

- Reading, speaking and singing to your child
- Making connections: letters on signs etc, numbers/counting during cooking, shopping.
- Showing an interest and value for learning: finding things out together, telling stories
- Being part of your child’s world: what do they want to know about, what are they interested in?

Education is a shared responsibility. Please share the learning with us.

David Cramb
Principal
**Positive Behaviour for Learning**

This week our rule for the week is:
Be Safe - Report Safety Concerns

**WEEK 2**

Well done to the following ‘Students of the Week’ for Week 2:

- **Busy Bees**: Ava G
- **Dragons**: Shallyn H
- **Spy Kids**: Jacob S
- **Minions**: Kail-Leigh J
- **Team Splat**: Rhiley G
- **Supernovas**: Alisha S
- **Meerkats**: Billy M
- **Wise Old Owls**: Biley J

**Weekly Gotcha Winners**
The below students were drawn from the weekly gotcha box and were able to pick their own rewards.
- Talisha M – 1/2
- Bailee H – 2/3

**Attendance**

A new term is a great way to set a goal with your children to meet attendance targets. Please remember that the target for attendance set by Education Queensland is 92%. While it is important for students to attend school 100% of the time, more than three days off in the term will mean that a child will not be meeting that target. As a parent, you can help your student by ensuring that they attend school every day and are on time every day unless they are sick or injured. Please contact me if you require any support in this area.

**Email List for Newsletters**
If you would like your newsletter emailed each week, please send an email to admin@woongoolbass.eq.edu.au and write newsletter by email in the subject box.

**MUSIC NEWS**

Music Student of the Week: Isabella E
Choir student of the week: Ashlee T
Best music class of the week: Prep

This week the junior years explored musical literacies through movement. They learnt to follow the beat, the rhythm, to work in an ensemble and be creative. The seniors continued their musicology study of genre and world music with Mozart and the ‘Eine Kleine Nachtmusik’. Very different from last week’s Bob Marley and discovering Reggae! Next week there will be yet another musicology surprise for them to their ears around. It’s a wonderful thing to be exposed to different types of music and in turn, different cultures and instruments. Have a classically superb week this week :) Ms Mann

**Principal/Parent Forums**
The next forum will take place on **Tuesday 21 October** between 9.00 and 10.00 in the Leaders’ centre. I invite parents to visit and bring your discussion topics so that we can talk about Woongoolba and education generally. This is a great opportunity for you to hear about educational issues and programs and more importantly to bring up your questions. I hope to see you there.

**Book Club**
Due by 22/10/14

**German news**
The excitement is brewing and bubbling …
TOMORROW (16/10), the students of German are off to Oktoberfest for Teens!!

**P&C NEWS**

Construction on the P&C Shed will begin this Saturday(18/10) from 8am.

Anyone who wants to lend a hand are more than welcome.
Please wear enclosed footwear and a hat.
Any questions, please phone Phil Saunders on 0429 722 481

**TUCKSHOP TIDBITS 15/10/2014.**

All ice-teas are being sold at $1.00 each.

**Calling for volunteers………..**
Please, please, please help out in the Tuck Shop.
There are some helpers who are here every morning at school donating their time. If we get some more help, we will be able to better share the load.
Plus……. Your little ones will LOVE seeing you in the Tuck Shop.

Regards, Rhonda. (0419 722 481).
Animal Welfare League – SRC Initiative
Thank you to everyone who has already donated to our Animal Welfare League fundraiser, but we need more!
You still have 3 weeks until the 31st of October to bring all your goodies to the office.
Recently, the AWL has asked for wet kitten food, kitty litter, kitty litter trays, dog and cat toys specifically.
Thanks and can’t wait to see some more animal goodies!

Fundraising
DISCO is coming, save the date!

Halloween theme
November 7th.
More details to follow………………
Help and volunteers will be needed.
Please let Michelle Jennings know if you are interested.

Intra-Regional Transport Corridor
The last few weeks has seen a great deal of misinformation circulating regarding the future of the Intra-Regional Transport Corridor (IRTC).
I have investigated these claims and the Department of Transport and Main Roads have confirmed the following:

- The IRTC has not been cancelled
- Transport and Main Roads and City of Gold Coast are currently conducting a traffic modelling study to support the future gazettal of the transport corridor
- It is expected this jointly funded modelling will be completed within the next couple of months
- TMR has now finalised its declaration plans for the IRTC and is intending to move to gazettal following the completion of the modelling study
- The corridor is required to support both the operation and future traffic demand on the M1 Motorway, and to support future development within the Nerang/Helensvale/Coomera/Yatala precincts

As the IRTC corridor had never been gazetted, named and registered as a future regional road it could not be included in the draft Gold Coast City Plan at this time, but will be so in the future.

Breakfast Club
Woongoolba State School Parents and Citizens’ Association will be continuing it’s Breakfast Club this term
It will still be held each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings in the Leaders’ Centre from 8:30 – 8:50.

A huge thankyou goes to the following businesses who are donating goods for the Breakfast Club
- The Well Food Express
- Beenleigh Brumby’s
- Beenleigh Woolworths

Our Focus:
Everybody Reads at Woongoolba!
Readers are Leaders

Our Mission:
We develop leaders- every child, every day.

Our Vision:
Innovate, Participate, Excel.

Our Goal:
To improve student performance in Literacy, Numeracy & Science in a Sustainable & Technological World

Our Motto:
Achievement: Our Goal

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